

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Francois Mignard

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Art Unit: 1742

For: PROCESS FOR THE CONTROLLED  
OXIDATION OF A STRIP BEFORE  
CONTINUOUS GALVANIZING, AND  
GALVANIZING LINE

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Examiner: L. L. Zheng

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.